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Dear Parents and Carers,

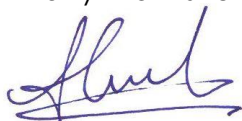
ONLINE SAFETY: ask.fm and sayat.me

At St John's, we strive to ensure that our children remain safe both online and offline. We have become aware that children in this school are using a website called **sayat.me**. Once the children have signed up, the website allows anyone to post anonymous comments and questions with no accountability. It follows a similar platform to the much-publicised **ask.fm**, which was being used as a means to communicate abusive, bullying and sexualised content.

In school today, Years 4, 5 and 6 have been reminded of the importance of staying safe online and what to do if they receive their early warning signs. Whilst we have spoken directly to the children in Upper KS2, we felt it was important to write to all year groups to stress the importance of your responsibility, as parents and carers, to ensure that you are aware of and are monitoring your children's online activity. If you have not already done so, this might be the perfect opportunity for you to start an open dialogue with your child about what they are doing and sharing online. **Please remember that children under the age of 13 should not be using social media.**

For further information on supporting your child online, visit:
www.childnet.com/ufiles/supporting-young-people-online.pdf.

Many thanks for your continued support,



Mr A Lee

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